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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

*Week ended January 9.*

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Sick inspected.....                  | 6       |
| Plague.....                          | 0       |
| Dead inspected.....                  | 107     |
| Plague.....                          | 0       |
| Necropsy held.....                   | 1       |
| Premises inspected.....              | 11, 191 |
| Houses disinfected.....              | 14      |
| Houses destroyed.....                | 2       |
| Buildings condemned.....             | 14      |
| Nuisances abated.....                | 858     |
| Rats found dead.....                 | 66      |
| Rats trapped.....                    | 2, 214  |
| Total rats taken.....                | 2, 280  |
| Rats identified:                     |         |
| Mus norvegicus.....                  | 1, 561  |
| Mus rattus.....                      | 50      |
| Mus musculus.....                    | 622     |
| Total.....                           | 2, 233  |
| Rats identified as to sex.....       | 1, 515  |
| Male.....                            | 643     |
| Female.....                          | 872     |
| Rats examined bacteriologically..... | 1, 396  |
| Plague rats.....                     | 0       |
| Poisons placed.....                  | 91, 038 |

## OAKLAND, CAL.

*Week ended January 2.*

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Dead inspected.....                  | 41  |
| Plague.....                          | 0   |
| Necropsies held.....                 | 4   |
| Premises inspected.....              | 935 |
| Nuisances abated.....                | 306 |
| Premises cleaned.....                | 230 |
| Garbage cans installed.....          | 222 |
| Places made rat-proof.....           | 16  |
| Rats trapped.....                    | 587 |
| Rats examined bacteriologically..... | 564 |
| Plague rats.....                     | 0   |
| Mice trapped.....                    | 68  |
| Mice examined bacteriologically..... | 68  |
| Plague mice.....                     | 0   |

## POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

*Week ended January 2.*

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Dead inspected.....                  | 1      |
| Plague.....                          | 0      |
| Nuisances abated.....                | 27     |
| Premises inspected.....              | 490    |
| Rats found dead.....                 | 22     |
| Rats trapped.....                    | 35     |
| Rats examined bacteriologically..... | 35     |
| Plague rats.....                     | 0      |
| Poisons placed.....                  | 14,000 |

## ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended January 2.*

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Sick inspected.....  | 15 |
| Plague.....          | 0  |
| Dead inspected.....  | 68 |
| Plague.....          | 0  |
| Necropsies held..... | 5  |

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended January 2.*

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Dead inspected..... | 2 |
| Plague.....         | 0 |
| Necropsy held.....  | 1 |

*Report from Los Angeles, Cal.—Examination of animals for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson reports, January 8:

*Animals examined in laboratory at Los Angeles, Cal., from December 28, 1908, to January 3, 1909:*

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Ground squirrels.....    | 182 |
| Gray rats.....           | 220 |
| Black rats.....          | 22  |
| Gambel pocket mouse..... | 5   |
| White rats.....          | 5   |

None of these animals was found to be infected with plague.